

# Benton County Election Commission

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## MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

July 8, 2015

Election Commission members present: Chairman Russell Anzalone, Secretary John M. Brown, Jr., and Mike Sevak

Others present: Election Coordinator Kim Dennison, Sharon Rose, Serena Green, Deputy County Clerk Tiffany Underwood, and Loyd Smith

Media: Tom Sissom, Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette

Chairman Anzalone called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and welcomed everyone.

### **Minutes:**

Chairman Anzalone asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes from May 5, 2015. There being none, Chairman Anzalone made a motion that the minutes be approved as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Sevak. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **Unfinished Business:**

None

### **New Business:**

- A. Ballot Draw for the Annual School Election to be held September 15, 2015: Chairman Anzalone stated that the Annual School Election races would be determined by the filing date and time according to the Political Practice Pledges. Chairman Anzalone asked if there were any candidates or representatives present to draw for positions. Chairman Anzalone explained that if a representative is not present, then an election commissioner would draw for that position. Chairman Anzalone stated that if there are no objections, he would begin the ballot draw with Decatur, Zone 4. Candidate Loyd Smith was present. Chairman Anzalone stated that Loyd Smith drew position number two (2) and that Darleen Holly would be position number one (1) on the ballot. Chairman Anzalone stated that with no other candidates present, the ballot draw would continue in the order as listed. Election Commissioners Anzalone, Brown, and Sevak signed the Certificate of Ballot Draw for the Annual School Election to be held September 15, 2015.

- B. Order to Change the Polling Name and Location for Precinct #23: Chairman Anzalone stated that the Hiwassee Fire Station/Community Building located at 13690 Fire House Lane would move to the Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church located at 14070 State Hwy. 279. Chairman Anzalone stated that the church offered the new location to better serve the voters of Hiwassee. Chairman Anzalone asked for discussion. There being no discussion, Chairman Anzalone made a motion to accept changing the polling name and location for Precinct #23 from Hiwassee Fire Station/Community Building to the Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church located at 14070 State Hwy. 279, Hiwassee, seconded by Commissioner Sevak. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Order to Change the Polling Name and Location for Precinct #30: Election Coordinator Kim Dennison stated that the Metfield Clubhouse would not be available for future elections due to the Bella Vista POA moving their offices to this location. Kim stated that Precinct #30 would be moved to St. Theodore's Episcopal Church located at 1001 Kingsland Road, Bella Vista. Chairman Anzalone asked for discussion. There being no discussion, Chairman Anzalone made a motion to accept changing the polling site for Precinct #30 from Metfield Clubhouse to St. Theodore's Episcopal Church located at 1001 Kingsland Road, Bella Vista, seconded by Commissioner Sevak. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Order to Change the Polling Name and Location for Precinct #63: Election Coordinator Kim Dennison again stated that the Metfield Clubhouse would not be available for future elections due to the Bella Vista POA moving their offices to this location. Kim stated that Precinct #63 would be moved to Bella Vista Church of Christ located at 989 NW McNelly Road, Bentonville. Chairman Anzalone asked for discussion. There being no discussion, Chairman Anzalone made a motion to accept changing the polling site for Precinct #63 from Metfield Clubhouse to Bella Vista Church of Christ located at 989 NW McNelly Road, Bentonville, seconded by Commissioner Sevak. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Order to Change the Polling Name and Location for Precinct #67: Kim stated that the Bethel Heights City Hall would not be available for future elections. Kim added that the Moose Lodge #877 could accommodate this precinct which is located at 215 W. Apple Blossom, Bethel Heights. Chairman Anzalone asked for discussion. There being no discussion, Chairman Anzalone made a motion to accept changing the polling site for Precinct #67 from Bethel Heights City Hall to the Moose Lodge #877 located at 215 W. Apple Blossom, Bethel Heights, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Order to Change the Polling Address for the Bentonville Church of Christ, Activity Center: Kim stated that due to 9-1-1, the address for the Bentonville Church of Christ, Activity Center, Precincts 34 & 64 changed from 811 N. Walton, Bentonville to 708 N. Walton, Bentonville. Chairman Anzalone asked for discussion. There being no discussion, Chairman Anzalone made a motion to accept changing the polling address for the Bentonville Church of Christ, Activity Center, Precincts 34 & 64 from 811 N. Walton, Bentonville to 708 N. Walton, Bentonville, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried by voice vote.

- G. Notice of Ballot Draw for the Preferential Primary & Nonpartisan Election to be held March 1, 2016: Chairman Anzalone made a motion to hold the ballot draw for the Preferential Primary & Nonpartisan Election on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at the Election Commission Office located at 1204 SW 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 6, Bentonville, seconded by Commissioner Sevak. Motion carried by voice vote.
- H. Notice of Ballot Draw for the Siloam Springs Special Primary Election to be held October 13, 2015: Chairman Anzalone made a motion that the ballot draw for the Siloam Springs Special Primary Election will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at the Siloam Springs City Hall located at 400 N. Broadway Street, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried by voice vote.
- I. Order to Approve Map and Legal Descriptions for the Additional Precincts within the Current Polling Locations: Deputy Clerk Tiffany Underwood presented legal descriptions and a map showing new boundary changes that will go into effect on September 16, 2015. Tiffany stated that Arkansas law limits the size of precincts to 3,000 or fewer registered voters and with some precincts near the limit and others expected to exceed the 3,000 cap before the 2016 election she took the number of precincts from 73 to 94. Kim commented the changes in precinct boundaries did not require new polling locations, but that there will be 68 instead of 70 polling locations due to scheduling conflicts.

Chairman Anzalone asked Tiffany when the new card will go out to the voters. Tiffany responded, after the School Election.

Chairman Anzalone made a motion to accept the map and legal descriptions for the additional precincts within the current polling locations as presented by Deputy Clerk Tiffany Underwood. Chairman Anzalone asked for discussion. There being no further discussion, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### **Other Business:**

Kim reported that after speaking with the school districts, Bella Vista Christian Church (Pct. 27), Decatur Municipal Building (Pct. 4), Gentry Methodist Church (Pct. 6), and Rogers Christian Church (Pct. 56) will be the four (4) precincts opened for the school election to be held on September 15, 2015. Kim added that the Gravette, Pea Ridge, and Siloam Springs school districts would be voting early and absentee only at the County Clerk's Office located in Bentonville, Rogers, and Siloam Springs because there are no contested races or millage increases. Chairman Anzalone made a motion to accept Bella Vista Christian Church (Pct. 27), Decatur Municipal Building (Pct. 4), Gentry Methodist Church (Pct. 6), and Rogers Christian Church (Pct. 56) as the four (4) voting precincts to be used on election day and that for the Gravette, Pea Ridge, and Siloam Springs School districts would be early and absentee voting only at the County Clerk's Office located in Bentonville, Rogers, and Siloam Springs because there are no contested races or millage increases for the Annual School Election. Chairman Anzalone asked for comments. There being no comments, motion was seconded by Commissioner Sevak. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### **Public Comments:**

None

**Announcements:**

Kim stated that ES&S would be doing maintenance on the Ivotronics the week of August 17, 2015

**Adjournment:**

Chairman Anzalone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Sevak. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Brown, Jr., Secretary  
Prepared by Deputy Clerk Sharon Rose  
Benton County Election Commission